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A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:

a sheet having a sized portion;

a utility wall plate abutting a wall and covering a passageway through the wall, wherein the sized portion of the sheet is adjacent to the utility wall plate to circumscribe the passageway; and

an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway.

The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is molded.

3. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is extruded.

4. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is pliable.

5. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is stiff.

- 6. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component molded directly therein.
- 7. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component applied therein.

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The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by an opening through the utility wall plate intended for access of a utility receptical therethrough.

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- 10. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by a space between the utility wall plate and the wall to which it abuts.
- 11. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the opposing ends of this sheet are substantially equal in length, and an opening defined through the sheet is intended for receipt of the utility receptacle therethrough.

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A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway in a wall, comprising in combination:

a sheet having a sized portion;

a wall having a passageway through the wall along which arthropods crawl, the sized portion of the sheet being placed across a portion of the passageway;

an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway in the wall.

22. A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway about a pipe, comprising:

a sheet having an O shape being placed about a pipe being configured to circumscribe block a passageway along which arthropods crawl; and

an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway about the pipe.

23. The barrier implement of claim 22 wherein the sheet fits behind a flange about the pipe.

24. The barrier implement of claim 23, wherein the pipe passes through a wall, and the passageway is about the pipe within the wall.

25. The barrier implement of claim 21, further comprising:

a utility plate for covering the passageway in the wall, the sheet placed adjacent to one side of the utility plate.